

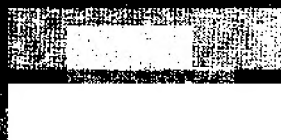
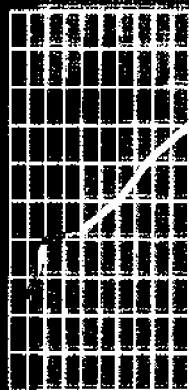


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the January 1996 issue are: labour force, industrial disputes; housing finance, building approvals; consumer price index; retail turnover; new motor vehicle registrations; aggregate indicators; and engineering construction.

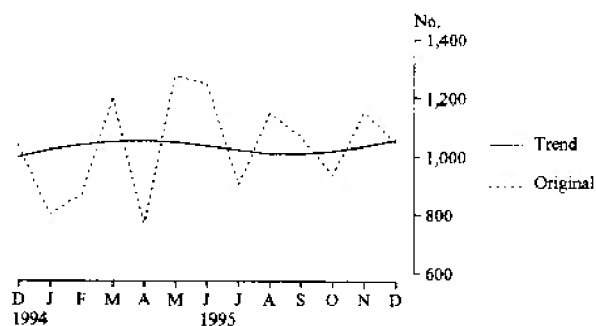
NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

- Unemployment** The trend number of persons employed in the ACT decreased in January 1996 to 159,000, a fall of 0.1% (or 200 persons). The trend unemployment rate in the ACT was 7.4% in January (up from 7.3% in December) and was the lowest of all States and Territories except for Northern Territory. The participation rate in the ACT remained a high 74.2%.
- Industrial disputes** In the year to October 1995 there were only 9 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 91 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally.
- Housing** The trend number of dwelling units financed in the ACT during November 1995 increased by 3.6% to 873 dwellings. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in November 1995 was \$86.7 million, an increase of 4.5% on the previous month.
- December 1995 produced the fourth consecutive month of increases in the trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT with 287 approvals, an increase of 6.7%. Nationally the total number of dwelling units approved fell by 0.6% in December 1995 to 10,198. This follows falls of 1.8 and 1.4% in October and November, respectively.
- The ACT had an increase of 0.8% for the All groups CPI between September and December quarters 1995, resulting in an annual increase to December quarter 1995 of 5.4%.
- Retail turnover** The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for December 1995 was \$184.4 million, the same as that reported for the previous month. The largest decrease in turnover for the ACT occurred within the hospitality and services industry (-0.7%). Nationally trend retail turnover has increased by 8.0% over the last 12 months compared to 4.2% for the ACT.
- New motor vehicle registrations** The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in December 1995 was 1,056, an increase of 2.2% from December 1995, and 5.9% higher than for December 1994. Nationally the trend for total new motor vehicle registrations for December 1995 remained at the same level as the previous month, and is 6.9% below the April 1995 peak and 4.3% lower than in December 1994.

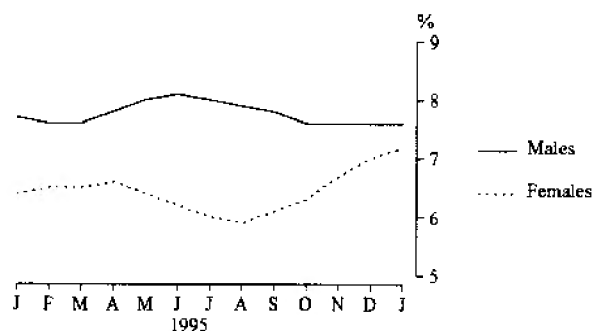
Trend gross State product in the ACT grew by 0.5% in the September quarter, the lowest increase of the States or Territories. This follows similar low growth rates in the three previous quarters. The ACT also recorded a fall in final demand for the fourth consecutive quarter. The September quarter fall of 0.6% took it to a level 3.1% below that of September quarter 1994.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

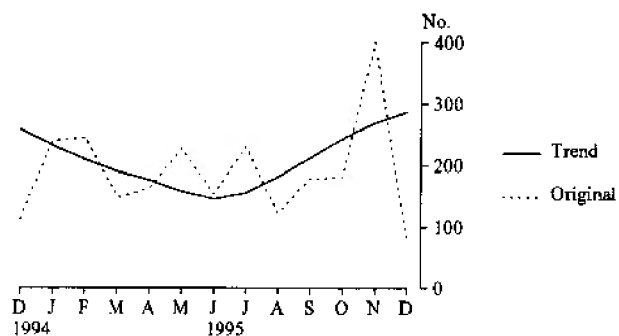
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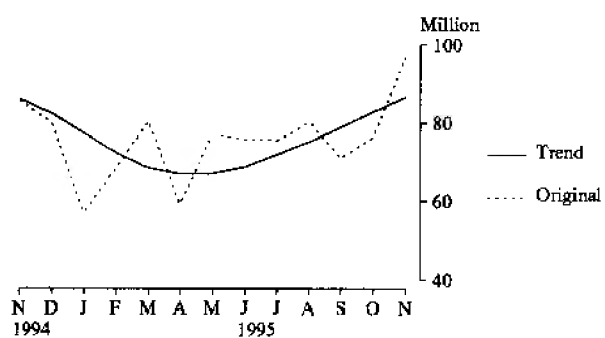
LABOUR FORCE — TREND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



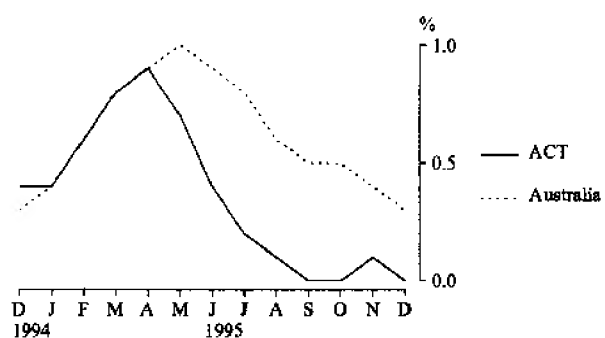
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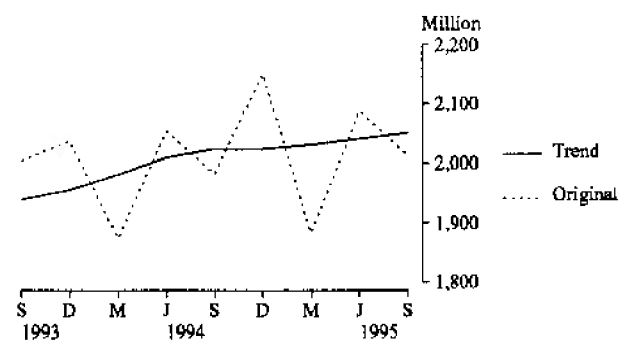
HOUSING FINANCE —
TOTAL HOUSING
COMMITMENTS



RETAIL TURNOVER — ALL
GROUPS — TREND
PERCENTAGE CHANGE
FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



GROSS STATE PRODUCT AT
AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES



FEATURE ARTICLE

1993-94 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY — CAPITAL CITY COMPARISONS

Canberra and Darwin had the highest average weekly household incomes in 1993-94 with \$1,037.39 and \$864.44, respectively, compared to the average for all capital city households of \$783.14. They also had the greatest proportion of income in the form of employee income (79% for Canberra and 85% for Darwin), the lowest proportion in the form of government pensions and allowances (6% and 8%, respectively) and the lowest proportions of persons in the 65 and over age group.

The pattern of expenditure, as well as the total expenditure for households living in different geographic areas also varied. For example, Canberra households spent 73% more on fuel and power (for cooking and heating) than in Brisbane. There was also considerable variation in housing costs (which included rental payments, mortgage interest payments, rates, insurance and repairs). Overall average weekly household expenditure was highest in Canberra (\$749) and Darwin (\$685) followed by Sydney (\$669) and Melbourne (\$634). Hobart reported the lowest average weekly household expenditure with \$555.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages was the main expenditure group of all capital cities in 1993-94, with the exception of Canberra. Canberrans spent the greatest proportion of their income on transport (17.0%) followed by food and non-alcoholic beverages (16.9%). Overall the main areas for expenditure for all capital cities were food, transport, housing and recreation. These four expenditure groups combined to account for 62.6% and 61.7% of average expenditure in Canberra and for all capital cities, respectively.

COMPARISON OF AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BY CAPITAL CITIES, 1993-94 (dollars)

	Capital city								All capital city households
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Average weekly household income	833.67	766.26	764.62	721.42	707.97	686.58	864.4	1 037.39	783.14
Average weekly household expenditure									
Broad expenditure group									
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	110.80	93.14	87.09	74.88	85.97	73.01	116.20	112.29	95.74
Fuel and power	15.25	21.74	11.89	16.46	16.74	22.52	16.86	20.54	17.17
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	126.05	115.35	106.89	101.79	109.26	103.92	127.07	126.81	115.83
Alcoholic beverages	17.48	16.18	17.3	15.7	18.3	16.10	25.94	18.65	17.9
Tobacco	9.42	8.41	9.50	9.67	10.54	10.21	14.97	8.53	9.33
Clothing and footwear	38.71	40.67	32.41	31.53	33.17	31.85	24.61	44.11	36.99
Household furnishings and equipment	44.08	35.81	33.40	38.09	47.51	38.70	40.14	46.57	40.12
Household services and operation	34.11	31.00	31.91	28.10	31.91	28.95	41.64	39.47	32.19
Medical care and health expenses	30.35	27.85	25.55	30.30	25.45	27.89	24.82	28.41	28.34
Transport	96.03	95.70	98.78	85.20	94.24	75.80	93.18	127.73	95.44
Recreation	85.98	86.33	77.44	83.16	76.47	77.16	98.24	102.33	83.94
Personal care	12.24	11.95	11.87	12.06	11.90	10.13	10.06	14.16	12.05
Miscellaneous commodities and services	48.47	50.05	51.26	50.47	46.51	39.03	51.73	59.78	49.41
Total commodity and service expenditure	668.96	634.18	595.35	577.44	608.00	555.27	685.47	749.37	633.63

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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, MARCH QUARTER 1996/DECEMBER QUARTER 1996, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Short-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Mar. qtr 1995	- 1.3	- 0.5
Mar. qtr 1995-June qtr 1995	5.2	1.4
June qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	- 0.2
Medium-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	3.5	3.3
Mar. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	3.0	3.0
June qtr 1995-June qtr 1996	- 0.8	2.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
			%	%		%	%
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, June qtr 95	'000s	304.1	0.1	1.1	18 054	0.3	1.2
Natural increase	no.	841	—	3.1	34 193	-6.7	7.8
Net migration	no.	-567	-141.1	250.0	19 332	-39.6	344.4
Total increase	no.	274	-87.7	-58.1	53 525	-22.0	48.4
LABOUR FORCE, January 96							
Original series							
Employed	'000s	155.2	-4.0	3.8	8 185.0	-2.9	2.9
Unemployed	'000s	14.6	15.9	13.2	831.7	11.1	-2.6
Unemployment rate ¹	%	8.6	1.4	0.7	9.2	1.0	-0.5
Participation rate ¹	%	73.4	-1.9	2.6	63.3	-1.2	0.6
Long-term unemployed (December 95)	no.	2 469	-27.1	0.5	220 476	-4.2	-20.8
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (December 95) ¹	%	19.6	-8.8	-0.5	29.5	-1.7	-5.0
Trend series							
Employed	'000s	159.0	-0.1	3.3	8 325.3	0.2	2.8
Unemployed	'000s	12.7	1.6	7.6	768.4	-0.0	-3.1
Unemployment rate ¹	%	7.4	0.1	0.3	8.5	0.0	-0.4
Participation rate ¹	%	74.2	—	2.0	63.9	0.1	0.5
JOB VACANCIES, November 95	'000s	1.4	75.0	—	56.1	-9.5	-15.0
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Oct. 95							
Working days lost	'000s	0.3	-100.0	—	79.6	98.5	62.1
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended August 95)	no.	9.0	28.6	12.5	91.0	4.6	49.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION							
HOUSING FINANCE, November 95							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	7.6	2.7	-12.6	538.6	9.3	-18.8
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	10.2	4.1	-44.0	194.3	5.8	-5.8
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	52.1	23.8	5.5	3 167.7	7.5	7.1
Total housing commitments	\$m	96.8	26.4	13.0	3 900.6	7.7	1.9
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	97.9	22.4	15.7	3 746.8	0.4	2.9
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	873	3.6	-4.8	3 881.5	1.0	-0.1
Total housing commitments	\$m	86.7	4.5	0.8	3 713.3	1.0	3.3
BUILDING APPROVALS, December 95							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	80	-80.0	-29.2	8 837	-20.1	-31.8
Value of new residential	\$m	9.4	-76.8	-24.8	851.2	-21.4	-31.0
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	2.4	-52.9	-17.2	156.9	-25.5	3.4
Value of non-residential	\$m	19.2	4.3	220.0	659.1	-25.9	17.7
Value of total building	\$m	31.0	-51.5	44.9	1 667.1	-23.7	-14.3
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	287	6.7	11.2	10 198	-0.6	-29.8
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, June qtr 95							
New houses	no.	314	-4.6	-14.7	24 591.0	1.1	-26.6
Value of houses commenced	\$m	35.9	-7.2	-17.1	2 486.8	4.8	-21.0
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	59.9	7.9	19.3	2 336.2	-18.3	-7.4
Value of total commencements	\$m	123.3	-5.4	-22.5	6 458.9	-5.7	-12.3
PRICE INDEXES							
Established house price index, Sept. qtr 95	(1989-90 =100.0)	128	-0.1	-3.3	112.6	0.2	—
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Dec. qtr 95							
	(1989-90 =100.0)						
Food		118.8	1.4	4.6	115.7	0.3	4.3
Housing		111.8	0.4	8.8	106.1	0.7	8.8
Transportation		127.1	0.2	6.9	122.3	0.2	4.7
All groups		120.0	0.8	5.4	118.5	0.8	5.1

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
		%	%		%	%	
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING — continued							
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, August 95							
Original series							
Males	\$	733.00	2.0	3.7	634.80	0.3	3.2
Females	\$	511.30	-1.0	2.1	429.50	-0.1	1.9
Total persons	\$	623.40	1.2	3.7	547.80	-0.1	2.0
Trend series							
Males	\$	731.40	1.9	3.3	658.30	0.8	3.6
Females	\$	520.00	1.5	4.2	432.10	0.5	1.8
Total persons	\$	626.10	1.9	4.3	551.30	0.6	2.4
RETAIL TURNOVER, December 95							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	85.0	12.0	8.3	4 662.6	13.6	9.0
Department stores	\$m	46.7	84.6	2.2	1 865.5	74.0	2.7
Hospitality and services	\$m	30.6	4.8	-3.8	2 110.2	16.2	9.3
All other retailing	\$m	83.2	37.5	2.8	4 631.0	35.1	6.9
Total	\$m	245.5	28.6	3.6	13 270.3	27.3	7.4
Trend series							
Food retailing	\$m	74.2	-0.3	6.8	4 053.8	0.6	11.3
Department stores	\$m	24.2	0.4	3.0	962.4	—	3.4
Hospitality and services	\$m	27.5	-0.7	-1.4	1 761.6	0.3	7.7
All other retailing	\$m	58.5	0.5	4.3	3 255.4	0.1	5.6
Total	\$m	184.4	—	4.2	10 033.2	0.3	8.0
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, June qtr 95							
Original series							
Room nights	'000s	209.3	-1.6	5.1	8 535.5	-2.4	4.1
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.2	2.1	11.6	756.1	-2.7	12.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.4	1.2	6.5	650.8	-3.8	7.1
Room occupancy rate (September qtr 95) ¹	%	62.7	-1.3	-3.3	59.9	3.8	1.5
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000s	222.6	1.7	5.5	8 911.0	-0.1	4.2
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.7	1.5	11.9	802.1	1.8	12.2
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.7	—	6.4	690.3	0.6	7.2
Trend series							
Room nights	'000s	221.7	2.9	4.9	8 929.7	0.3	4.0
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.6	3.2	8.9	802.4	2.0	11.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.6	1.8	3.1	691.5	0.8	6.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Dec. 95							
Motor vehicles	no.	1 045	-9.3	1.0	50 650	-2.5	-4.1
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	1 096	-0.2	0.8	52 105	5.7	-1.2
Trend motor vehicles	no.	1 056	2.2	5.9	50 794	—	-4.3
AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, September qtr 95²							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 013	-3.6	1.6	104 207	1.2	1.7
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 335	-3.8	1.6	116 382	1.4	4.9
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 832	-2.7	-2.7	103 691	-1.9	2.1
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 383	3.1	4.9	73 816	3.3	6.3
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	191	—	-35.5	18 808	-3.8	-1.3
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 051	0.4	1.3	105 068	0.5	2.3
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 385	0.5	2.0	118 224	1.8	6.1
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 827	-0.6	-3.1	104 254	0.1	2.6
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 374	1.1	5.4	73 663	1.7	7.1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	184	-9.4	-35.9	18 796	-1.3	-2.2

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	'000s	June qtr 95	6 115.1	4 502.0	3 277.4	1 474.0	1 731.7	473.0	173.9	304.1	18 054.0
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons (trend)	'000s	Jan. 96	2 809.6	2 069.0	1 516.0	655.0	824.5	201.2	84.4	159.0	8 325.3
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	Jan. 96	7.7	8.7	9.7	9.3	7.8	10.1	6.4	12.5	8.5
STATE ACCOUNTS¹											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	Sept. qtr 95	35 763	27 714	17 427	7 559	11 767	2 089	1 193	2 051	105 068
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	Sept. qtr 95	40 587	30 843	19 372	8 701	12 499	2 464	1 265	2 385	118 224
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved	no.	Dec. 95	2 923	1 824	2 221	434	995	219	141	80	8 837
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	Dec. 95	3 348	1 977	2 454	510	1 234	217	116	287	10 198
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	Dec. 95	219.9	172.4	142.8	36.1	42.9	13.6	12.2	19.2	659.1
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	Dec. 95	590.4	395.8	362.9	79.5	147.5	35.1	25.0	31.0	1 667.1
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Sept. qtr 95	1 280.6	527.4	725.6	141.8	511.3	42.4	51.7	31.9	3 312.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	Aug. qtr 95	686.00	646.10	612.20	616.50	658.30	606.80	663.80	745.50	654.20
RETAIL TRADE											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	Dec. 95	3 591.8	2 272.7	1 812.0	777.4	1 035.8	240.4	118.7	184.4	10 033.2
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000s	June qtr 95	3 025.3	1 436.1	2 381.5	494.8	820.1	264.5	285.7	221.7	8 929.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Trend	no.	Dec. 95	17 671	12 352	9 147	3 572	5 280	1 064	652	1 056	50 794
			Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)											
Food		Dec. qtr 95	116.4	114.0	116.8	118.2	115.8	117.1	116.4	118.8	115.7
Housing		Dec. qtr 95	108.4	102.8	112.1	103.8	100.8	106.5	118.9	111.8	106.1
Transportation		Dec. qtr 95	121.9	122.5	120.1	124.3	123.1	120.1	118.2	127.1	122.3
All Groups		Dec. qtr 95	118.3	118.5	118.6	121.1	116.3	119.2	119.2	120.0	118.5
Average retail prices (cents)											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	110.0	116.0	111.0	114.0	116.0	120.0	106.0	106.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	Sept. qtr 95	185.0	161.0	173.0	148.0	158.0	156.0	185.0	184.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	1 299.0	1 150.0	1 145.0	1 177.0	1 154.0	1 163.0	1 225.0	1 145.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	268.0	292.0	294.0	330.0	312.0	361.0	358.0	254.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	Sept. qtr 95	116.0	133.0	121.0	106.0	123.0	68.0	123.0	119.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	Sept. qtr 95	580.0	569.0	561.0	563.0	573.0	639.0	534.0	562.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Sept. qtr 95	309.0	258.0	245.0	315.0	365.0	212.0	298.0	280.0	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	72.4	73.9	65.6	75.3	77.0	77.5	78.4	75.8	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Sept. qtr 95	70.4	71.9	63.6	73.1	74.9	75.5	76.4	73.8	n.a.

¹ State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA — PERCENTAGE CHANGES

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	June qtr 95	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	—	0.2	0.1	0.3
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	Dec. 95	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	1.9	-0.1	2.8
Unemployment rate (trend) ¹	Dec. 95	—	-0.1	—	—	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.4
STATE ACCOUNTS²										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.7	1.0	-0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	2.0	1.3	2.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.8
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	Dec. 95	-22.8	-12.6	-13.9	-17.6	-27.8	-5.3	45.4	-80.0	-20.1
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Dec. 95	-1.6	0.2	-0.4	-4.3	-3.1	-0.5	3.6	6.7	-0.6
Value of non-residential building approved	Dec. 95	-29.1	-19.0	-36.8	9.1	-21.6	25.9	-48.1	4.3	-25.9
Value of all buildings approved	Dec. 95	-27.3	-15.6	-26.2	-5.6	-23.5	7.3	-33.5	-51.5	-23.7
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction work done	Sept. qtr 95	-8.9	-23.7	-6.3	-29.9	7.0	-35.7	-26.6	-17.6	-11.1
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	Aug. qtr 95	1.8	0.8	1.2	0.3	1.8	0.3	0.6	1.4	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	Dec. 95	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	—	0.3
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	June qtr 95	0.1	-0.6	0.9	-1.9	2.3	1.2	-3.6	2.9	0.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	Dec. 95	-0.2	0.5	-1.8	1.7	1.2	-0.3	1.2	2.2	—
		Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)										
Food	Dec. qtr 95	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.2	1.0	1.4	0.3
Housing	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.4	0.7
Transportation	Dec. qtr 95	0.7	0.1	—	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	0.2	0.2
All Groups	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Sept. qtr 95	1.9	2.7	—	3.6	3.6	—	6.0	-2.8	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Sept. qtr 95	3.4	0.6	1.2	6.5	-3.1	—	—	-0.5	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	Sept. qtr 95	3.1	2.7	0.6	5.0	3.0	1.3	-2.6	-3.5	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Sept. qtr 95	-9.2	-9.0	—	2.2	-3.7	4.3	-0.3	-15.9	n.a.
Potatoes	Sept. qtr 95	18.4	-2.9	14.2	21.8	1.7	-4.2	—	8.2	n.a.
Coffee, instant	Sept. qtr 95	1.2	1.4	-6.8	3.1	-1.7	-2.1	2.7	-1.1	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Sept. qtr 95	1.0	-0.8	1.2	-0.3	2.2	0.5	0.7	2.2	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	Sept. qtr 95	2.5	3.9	2.8	4.6	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	Sept. qtr 95	2.6	4.1	2.9	4.7	2.0	2.9	2.7	1.1	n.a.

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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